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Atty Docket No.: MN-9091A)

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Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed for the above-referenced application the following:

- 1) Preliminary Amendment; and
- 2) a Return Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Pleased amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A' On page 39, line 9, at the end of the paragraph, please insert the phrase --(For clarity, there is no FIG. 15I.)--

REMARKS:

Applicant believes that no fees are due regarding this Preliminary Amendment, however if the any fees are incurred, please charge it to our deposit account #04-0010. (Additional copies of this Preliminary Amendment are enclosed for accounting purposes.)

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